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TRIBUTE TO PAUL F. GILL

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Paul Gill is one of these individuals. On March 26, 2008, a celebration will be held in honor of Paul Gill's retirement—and of the next chapter in his life of public service as the Chief Operations Officer of Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Paul Gill is the Senior Vice President, Regional Operations, for American Dental Partners, a leading dental practice management services organization. He is responsible for supervising California operations, and building a strong dental network for the West Coast. Since 1993, Paul served as the Administrator for Riverside Dental Group.

Prior to coming to Riverside Dental Group, Paul served as Community Development Director for the City of Moreno Valley. In that capacity, he managed the city activities of Planning, Building, and Code Compliance.

Before his position with the City, Paul served more than 23 years in the United States Air Force, last serving as the Wing Commander at March Air Force Base, California. In the Air Force, Paul served in various commands throughout the country and overseas as a pilot, instructor pilot, evaluator pilot and at various levels of operational staff and command. He has flown approximately 4,000 hours, of which more than 800 were in combat.

Paul has a B.S. degree from Duquesne University, an M.S. from Syracuse University, as well as an M.A. from Creighton University. Among his community activities, he served as Chairman, March Joint Powers Authority Technical Advisory Committee, Director of the Silver Eagles, and the LeMay Foundation. Paul has also served as Chairman of Riverside County's Airport Land Use Commission, Chairman of the Silver Eagles, Director of Riverside County's Regional Hospital Foundation, the Monday Morning Group, and the Moreno Valley Action Committee. He and his wife Mary Anne have four grown children.

Paul's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. I am proud to call Paul a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires from the Riverside Dental Group. I wish Paul and his wife all the best as they embark on a new adventure in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They will be sorely missed.

RECOGNIZING MR. BENSON AU-YEUNG AS THE 2008 MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Benson Au-Yeung on being named the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2008 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year for Guam.

Benson grew up on Guam and has contributed to our community throughout his life. He was born in Kowloon, Hong Kong where he studied the English language for 13 years. In 1976, his family relocated to Guam. He attended Cathedral Grade School, Bishop Baumgartner Junior High School, and graduated with honors from Father Duenas Memorial School. He then left for a short period to obtain a bachelor of science degree in computer science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Benson returned to Guam in 1986 to devote his time to the family business, a successful local company geared toward the visitor industry. He combined their services with his experience in computer programming and started Soft Pacific, Inc which equips Guam and Saipan businesses with Japanese language computers.

In 1998, Benson expanded Soft Pacific, Inc. and acquired the 3M Graphics Division on Guam. Eventually this acquisition resulted in the development of Benz Sign Supplies, a successful sign supply company on Guam. Benz Sign Supplies provides a variety of signage products to the local market and has widened its clientele to include the overseas market, including the U.S. mainland and Canada.

After 10 years, Benson's small business continues to provide important products and services to our community. He is an active member of the Guam Contractors Association, Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association, Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Guam, and the Guam Chinese Tennis Club. I congratulate him for his achievement as the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2008 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year for Guam.

IN HONOR OF DR. LAWRENCE S. SYKOFF

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Lawrence S. Sykoff's lasting contributions and dedication to education. After 15 years as Head of Ranney School, Dr. Sykoff has transformed Ranney into one of the premier independent schools in New Jersey.

Dr. Sykoff has been committed to the field of education for 35 years. Before accepting his position at Ranney, Dr. Sykoff served as Head of the Birch Wathen Lenox School in New York, and as a math teacher at the La Jolla Country Day School. He is nationally acclaimed for his studies in Middle School education and curriculum development, and his

work on the education of pre- and early adolescent children has been used as a model in schools across the country.

At Ranney, Dr. Sykoff has successfully launched an impressive campaign to expand the school and enhance the education of its students by increasing enrollment, building new facilities, and broadening the scope of Ranney's technological capabilities. Under Dr. Sykoff's leadership, Ranney continues to maintain a strong relationship with its neighborhood and Monmouth County by supporting the Tinton Falls Police Youth Academy and the Tinton Falls City Council.

Currently Dr. Sykoff is very active in the community. He sits on the Board of Trustees of the American Cancer Society and the historic Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank, NJ. He is also a past member of the Board of the Monmouth County Family and Children's Service.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in celebrating Lawrence Sykoff. His efforts in advancing the quality of education and his commitment to excellence will continue to benefit and inspire my constituents and all NJ residents.

DESIGNATING APRIL 2008 AS 'NATIONAL FACIAL PROTECTION MONTH'

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker,

Whereas 5 million teeth are knocked out each year during sports activities;

Whereas an athlete participating in contact sports has a 10% chance of sustaining a significant oral-facial injury each season;

Whereas studies indicate that approximately one third of all dental injuries and approximately 19% of head and face injuries are sports-related;

Whereas an athlete is 60 times more likely to sustain damage to the teeth when not wearing a protective mouth guard;

Whereas emerging evidence supports that youth athletes wearing full facial protection during baseball, softball, hockey, and lacrosse can significantly reduce their risk of oral-facial trauma;

Whereas the Task Force on Community Preventive Services found that there is insufficient evidence—due to a lack of available research data—to support intervention programs to encourage the use of helmets, facemasks, and mouth guards to reduce oral-facial trauma in contact sports;

Whereas the Task Force on Community Preventive Services has recommended additional research on the effectiveness of intervention programs to encourage the use of helmets, facemasks, and mouth guards;

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) designates April 2008 as 'National Facial Protection Month';

(2) declares it is critical—

(a) to raise awareness about the importance of using proper dental and facial protection during sporting activities;

(b) to conduct additional research to study the effectiveness of intervention programs to encourage use of helmets, facemasks, and mouth guards;

(3) calls on sports health care professionals, parents, and coaches—